(ii) Financial grants to Adarsh Sanskrit Pathshalas.

(iii) Financial assistance for eminent elderly Sanskrit scholars in Adarsh Sanskrit Pathshalas and other Voluntary Organisations.

(iv) Financial assistance to States/U.Ts. for the development of Sanskrit education.

(v) Financial assistance for the production of Sanskrit literature, besides purchase and publication of rare manuscripts.

(vi) Special Orientation Courses to post-graduate students in vocational disciplines like Epigraphy, Iconography etc.

(vii) Preservation of Oral Tradition of Vedic Recitation.

(viii) Holding of All India Elocution Contest and Vedic Convention.

(ix) Vedic Endowment.

(x) The Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan an autonomous body established under the Ministry conducts examination for various courses.

(xi) The Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan has also been established as an autonomous body under the Ministry for the development of traditional and vedic education.

(xii) The Central Sanskrit Board under the Chairmanship of Vice-President of India has been set up to advise the Government of India on policy matters pertaining to the development of Sanskrit education.

(b) and (c) No instances of closure of Sanskrit Colleges for want of financial resources have come to the notice of the Government. The maintenance of Schools and Colleges is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. However, for Colleges, U.G.C. provides development support for improving infrastructural facilities like books, journals, equipment, buildings and staff.

Setting up of Major Electronic industry Orissa

1397. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set-up a major electronic industry in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount required for the setting up of the Industry there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) to (c) Government of India encourages the setting up of electronic industries throughout the country in all relevant sectors of electronics. The concerned State Government or agencies like the State Electronics Development Corporations (SEDCs) provide some facilities and promotional incentives for setting up of specific industrial units in the state. The Department of Electronics gives necessary guidance and approvals/licences etc. Department of Electronics also provides some assistance for projects in areas such as manpower development and education, quality control, testing and standardisation, R&D in electronics etc. The State of Orissa is being covered under various activities of the Department of Electronics like setting up of a Software Technology Park and LSI/VLSI Design Centre at Bhubaneshwar. EPDC, Bhubaneshwar is in operation and it provides test and calibration facilities to small and medium scale electronics industry in the region. In addition, a total of 11 Industrial Licences and 59 Letters of Intent/Registrations have been issued for the manufacture of electronic products in the State of Orissa. Government of India has no plans at present to set up a major electronics industry in Orissa.